



**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Support member 12 desirably includes a truss member 18 disposed proximate free extent 12b. Truss member 18 includes two or more legs 20 that stabilize support member 12 in an upright position along longitudinal axis 1. Legs 20 are joined to leg connector 22 that is reciprocatingly slidable with respect to lower body portion 17 so as to retract legs 20 toward longitudinal axis 1 upon collapse of apparatus 10 (as shown in Figures 2 and 3 and described hereinbelow). Truss member 18 may be any appropriate support device that enables collapse and transport of exercise apparatus 10. Such support devices are well known in the art.